



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 2, 2004

### **H.R. 3632** **Anti-counterfeiting Amendments Act of 2004**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on June 23, 2004*

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3632 would have no significant cost to the federal government. Enacting the bill could affect direct spending and revenues, but CBO estimates that any such effects would not be significant. H.R. 3632 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act, and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 3632 would establish new federal crimes against trafficking in licensing documents or other authentication components for sound recordings, computer programs, audiovisual works, and similar products, and would permit copyright owners to bring civil actions in federal court for violations of these laws. Thus, the government would be able to pursue cases that it otherwise would not be able to prosecute. However, we expect that H.R. 3632 would apply to a relatively small number of additional offenders, so any increase in costs for law enforcement, court proceedings (including new civil actions), or prison operations would not be significant. Any such costs would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Because those prosecuted and convicted under H.R. 3632 could be subject to criminal fines, the federal government might collect additional fines if the legislation is enacted. Collections of such fines are recorded in the budget as revenues, which are deposited in the Crime Victims Fund and later spent. CBO expects that any additional revenues and direct spending would not be significant because of the small number of cases involved.

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